GERMANS REPULSED IN FIERCE ASSAULTS ON LA BASSEE LINES

Kaiser Checked in Three Attempts to Break Through Enemy's Intrenchments.

PARIS, Jan. 26. The repulse of German attacks upon the strong English positions west of La Isassee and in the region from the Lys to the Olse, was reported in official dispatches today. These attacks indicate that the Germans are attempting to resume the offensive from the seacoast at south to Arras.

The British held strong positions at Givenchy and Cuinchy, commanding two roads leading eastward to La Bassec. Large bodies of German infantrymen advanced along these roads for nearly a mile from La Bassec. Then, spreading in loose formation, they charged over soggy fields in an attempt to surround the two towns.

The attacks were simultaneous. Near The attacks were simultaneous. Near Givenchy a force of Germans reached the wire entanglements protecting the British trenches and succeeded in tearing away a gap with their grappiers. The cold steel of an English bayonet charge caused their front ranks to recoil from the attack. The British followed up this advantage with a counter-attack that draws tack. The British followed up this advantage with a counter-attack that drove the Germans back upon La Bassee. British artillery fire raked the lines of the Germans advancing upon Cuinchy and they retired with heavy losses leaving many dead upon the field.

The left wing of the Germans took one trench near Givenchy, official advices reported, after five separate charges, but was forced to evacuate when the main body fell back.

A violent infantry attack by daylight east of Ypres was repulsed by the French, 300 German dead being picked up from the battlefield. West of Graons

up from the battlefield. West of Craonne the Germans made two desperate charges, capturing a row of trenches. Official dis-patches say the French afterward retook most of the lost ground.

South of Nieuport an advance by the Belgians near Pervyse forced the Germans to withdraw from gun positions previously held and stopped the shelling of Fur-nes. The German gunners found the range of the town on Sunday and had considerable damage by dropping shells from a great distance.

CROW'S FOES SEE HIS HOPES LOST

Continued from Page One inauguration week, and went to Harris-burg today only on the solicitation of the State leaders, who said his presence there tonight was imperative in view of the nominations to be effered in the Senate. Crow is chairman of the Executive Nom-Instions Committee of the Senate.

It is suggested here that Crow may be responsible for the harculean efforts now being made to have Wall street magnates in some of Thompson's coal lands provide the money which would open

Thompson is up against a steel wall in Pittsburgh, and an interesting fact in this connection is that the Oliver coking and banking interests in Pittsburgh have other Pittsburgh financiers in refusing to buy from Thompson, or, if to buy at all, to corner him and drive a bar-gain which would a ueeze the Thompson coal syndicate.

HARRISBURG, Jan. 25.—Senator Crow, who returned to his desk in the State Senate last night, announced today that he would remain in politics. He appeared in good spirits and confident.

His attitude led his associates to believe that Senator Penrose had already started to help him rehabilate his machine in Fayette County by using his influence with Philadelphia bankers to go to the relief of Josiah V. Thompson.

Several months ago a syndicate of Philadelphia bankers assisted Thompson

Philadelphia bankers assisted Thompson floating a \$3,000,000 loan for him after permit the Pittsburgh bankers, whom he blames for his failure, to lend him the money. It is generally believed that Senator Penrose assisted Penrose wants Crow to succeed George

T. Oliver, it is believed, and Crow's an-nouncement today that he would continus to be active in politics was taken to mean that he still had the backing of the

UNIONTOWN BANK TO OPEN SOON, SAYS FINANCIER

UNIONTOWN, Pa., Jan. 26.-The First National Bank may open for business within 10 days or two weeks, according to a prominent financier of Uniontown, who said today that conditions were brighter than at any time since the clos ing of the institution He said that daily conferences were be-

ing held with financiers and that within a day or two plans would be announced for the reopening of the bank. This is taken to mean that the plan to form a pool to relieve J. V. Thompson and keep his coal lands intact is progressing and that cash will be poured into the bank.

PORT OF PHILADELPHIA

Vessels Arriving Today

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OFFICIAL BULLETINS

On the Year front the Belgian troops advanced in the region of Per-On the Yest Front the Beigian troops advanced in the region of Pervyse yesterday.

The Germans launched at daybreak against our trenches to the east of Ypres a strong attack with a battailon, which was haited. Three hundred dead, among whom was the commander of the leading company, were left on the ground. This attack should have been supported by the companies of the second line (of Germans), but because of the accurate fire of our artillery these forces were unable to leave their shelter.

Near La Bassoe, at Givenchy and Cuinchy, the enemy launched against the British lines five attacks. After having made slight progress the Germans were repulsed, leaving on the ground a number of dead and 60 prisoners, of whom two were officers. That attack was accompanied by an attempted diversion at several points on our front between the Bethune

on our front between the Hethune road and La Bassee and Alx-Noulette. One part of the enemy's forces, which had attempted to leave the trenches, was instantly haited by a fire of our infantry and of our artillery. On the rest of the front between the

Lys and the Oise there was an artil-lery duel.

To the west of Craonne the enemy made two successive attacks of ex-trems violence. The first was re-pulsed, the second penetrated our trenches; but with an energetic counter-attack our troops regained almost all the lost ground. The battle con-tinues around that part of the trench

still held by the Germans.
In Champagne, while the enemy's artillery is showing less activity than on preceding days, our batteries have fired effectively upon the German po-In the Argonne, in the region of St.

Hubert, we broke up with our artillery fire an attempted attack. In Alsace the enemy has actively employed hig bomb-throwers against our positions at Hartmannsweller Kopf. No new fighting has taken place there. He has bombarded Thann, Lanbash and Sentheim. GERMAN

In the western theatre of war, the enemy, as is customary, placed Mid-dlekerke and Westende under fire yesterday. A large number of the inhabi-tants were killed or injured by the ar-tillery fire, including the burgomaster of Middlekerke.

Our losses yesterday were quite small, although we were attacking the positions of the English on both the positions of the English on both sides of La Bassec Canal. While our attacks north of the canal, between Givenchy and the canal, did not lead to the capture of any English positions, owing to a strong flanking movement, an attack by our troops from Baden, south of the canal, met with complete success. In this region English positions extending over a width of 1100 yards were taken by storm. Two strong points of support were also captured. Three officers and 110 men were taken prisoner.

110 men were taken prisoner.

The English vainly attempted to recapture the positions, but were beaten back with heavy losses. Our losses were comparatively small.

Batties which resulted successfully for us occurred on the heights of Craonne, southeast of Laon. All French attacks in the southern part of the Argonne were repelled. We captured 50 prisoners. 50 prisoners.

In the eastern theatre of war the Russians unsuccessfully attacked the positions of our cavalry northeast of Gumbinnen. Fierce artillery duels oc-curred on the remainder of the front in eastern Prussia. We were successful in less important engagements northeast of Wioclawek. Nothing of importance has happed west of the Vistula and east of the Filica in

RUSSIAN

On January 24, in the region between the Vistula and the Mlawa Railway. there was no important modification to report, but there have been engage-ments between small numbers of units and rifle firing. On the left bank of the Vistula a relative lull prevails. North of the Borjimow Farm the Germans were successful on January 23 in capturing from us one of our 23 in capturing from us one of our advanced trenches of secondary importance. On the 24th, near the same region, the Germans attempted an offensive, and were successful in moving forward, one by one, and capturing another of their own trenches which they had previously abandoned. But as a result of our efficient fire they were obliged to evacuate that trench, which we selzed.

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which we seized.
On January 24 our artillery checked seriously the movements of their troops along the front. At one point we captured, by means of our heavy artillery fire, a trench of the enemy, together with machine guns.
In the region of the village of Kourjeschine, about five miles north of Rawa, our artillery destroyed an armored automobile, which was advancing to bombard our positions.

ing to bombard our positions.

In Galicia we note a certain animation and activity among the Austrians among all the Carpathian passes, beginning with that of Duke. ginning with that of Dukla.

AUSTRIAN In Poland and Galicia no important

engagements have occurred with the exception of on the Nida, where there was a violent artillery fight. The Russian attacks with the purpose of recapturing the positions taken by us in the upper Ung Valley and near Vezerszalles were repulsed with heavy losses.

In the battles during the last two days in the Carpathians we have taken

1000 prisoners.

THREE BRITISH SHIPS LOST, GERMANS SAY

you and our naval comrades will accept our congratulations on the victory of the British fleet in the North Sea. Convey to Vice Admiral Beatty and Commander Tyrwhitt and their officers and men our admiration and good wishes,

A dispatch from Amsterdam says the German cruisers in the action were accompanied by 20 torpedo craft. The information comes from the master of the

formation comes from the master of the Dutch trawler Erica, who declares he witnessed part of the fight and saw one British ship slightly damaged.

Another Amsterdam correspondent telegraphs that the Berlin Lokal Anzelger, drawing particular attention to the German official statement that the British warships in the North Sea battle were compelled to retire from the action, expresses itself as follows:

"If the British, notwithstanding their greater strength, broke off the action this is proof that our gunners had them in hand. German seamen again did their duty, and it has been proved that a British squadron of great superiority is by no

ish squadron of great superiority is by no means able to overcome German vessels, and in this case quite apart from the fact that our ships were taken by surprise."

BRITISH ARMED MERCHANT SHIP SUNK OFF IRELAND

LONDON, Jan. M.—It was omcially an-nounced at the Admiralty that the British armored merchant vessel Viknor had been lost off Ireland with all hands. The vessel, it was stated, either struck a mine

The Viknor was formerly the Viking, and was commandeered by the Admirality December 12. She was in charge of Commander Ernest O. Ballantyne. The number of her crew cannot be ascertained. Admiralty in its statement says:

STRATEGIC POINTS IN POLAND CAMPAIGN



The development of new campaigns in northwestern and southwestern Poland, renewal of hard fighting in the Mazurian Lakes region of East Prussia, the inability of the Germans to advance toward Warsaw and the Russian operations in Galicia and Bukowina lend fresh interest to a map of the eastern theatre of war. In the most northerly region the Russian line extends from Pirkallen, through the region of Gumbinnen and through the lakes and swamps that defend Koenigsberg and Dantzig to the Polish frontier east of To these forces the Russians are attempting to unite a powerful army, which is advancing on Thorn and has reached the town of Kikol. Thereafter the Russian line follows the right bank of the Vistula to its junction with the Bzura. Southward the Russians hold the right banks of the Bzura and the Rawka, and their front continues, practically unbroken, through central and southern Poland Kielce and Opoczno are now reported to be in to the River Pilica. Russian hands. The battlefront enters Galicia north of Tarnow, about 60 miles east of Cracow. The Russians hold the line of the Rivers Dunajec and Biala and occupy the Dukla and other important passes of the Carpathians. An Austrian offensive is said to be developing about 30 miles east of the Dunajec.

and must now be accepted as lost, with all her officers and men. The cause of her loss is uncertain, but, as some bodies and wreckage have been washed ashore on the north coast of freiand, it is pre-sumed that, during the recent bad weather, she either foundered, or, being carried out of her course, struck a mine in seas where the Germans are known to have laid them."

TURKS ENLIST CONVICTS

PETROGRAD, Jan. 26.-The staff of the Russian army of the Caucasus issues the following official report from Tiffis:

"Our offensive in the Transtschorokh region continues, despite the obstinate defense of the Turks. In the direction of Olti isolated engagements are reported. resulting from attempts of small Turkish detachments to maintain their position. On the remainder of the front the usual cannonade is proceeding."

In the Transtschorokh region every Turkish village has been turned into a miniature fort. Guns are mounted before stone huts and these little strongholds fortified in every way possible.

In order to increase their depleted ranks the Turks have enrolled prisoners held in the jalls in Trebizond and Erzerum. CONSTANTINOPLE, Jan. 26.-Severe weather conditions have halted operations

in the Caucasus, the Turkish War Office announced today, adding:
"Both sides are at a standstill. The enemy, repulsed over part of the front, is now fortifying the new positions he has

GERMANS AGAIN IN KIELCE, IS REPORT FROM CRACOW

Russians Forced to Evacuate South Poland Strategic Point.

A news agency dispatch from Berlin says a message from Cracow reports that an Austro-German force has captured Kielce, Poland.

News of the capture of Kielce by the Germans was sent from Petrograd on January 19. Since that time, according to advices from both Petrograd and Berlin, the Russians again have taken the offensive and forced the Germans from Kielce and Opoczno back toward the Pillca River. Pilica River.

CZAR HURLS FRESH FORCE AGAINST PRUSSIAN BORDER

New Movement Northward Develops in Przasnysz Zone.

in Pressnyss Zone,

PETROGRAD, Jan. 26.

A new Russian movement of considerable size and importance is in progress north of Warsaw, in the vicinity of Presson, Development of this movement has been shrouded in secrecy, and it is not yet known here whether it portends a new plan of campaign against East Prussia on an extended line, now that the terrain is more passable on account of the freesing of the ground, or is simply designed to reinforce the column operating against Solday from Mlawa.

It is felt, further, that an attempt may be in progress to strike at the rear of the German forces which crossed the Vistula last week and are a mesace to the Russian column advancing against west Prussia.

VICTORY AT LA BASSEE CLAIMED BY GERMANS

British Trenches Captured by Charge of Baden Troops.

BERLIN, Jan. 26. Capture of 1100 yards of trenches held by British troops south of the Canal of by British troops south of the Canal of La Bassee was announced in an official TO STEM RUSSIAN TIDE here this afternoon. It says that Baden troops took these positions by storm, also Czar's Forces Continue to Hammer
Shattered Foes.

capturing two strong points of support. The British losses in this conflict were heavy, the statement adds, although those of the Germans were comparatively

small. Southeast of Laon the Germans have southeast of Laon the Germans have taken several strong French positions on the heights west of Craonne. Two infantry charges drove the French from their trenches. French attacks in the Argonne were repulsed, the Germans taking about 50 prisoners.

The German claim of victory at La Bassee is a direct contradiction of Paris claims. Both Paris and Berlin agree, however, that La Bassee is still held by the Germans, setting at rest rumors that the city was recaptured by the British last week. last week.

SWEDEN AND FINLAND LINKED COPENHAGEN, Jan. 26,-The connecting link in the railway from Petrograd through Finland to Sweden has been completed by the construction of the line in Sweden from Tornes, on the border, to Karungi. The extension of the Russian part of the route to the Swedish frontier was brought to completion two months

DUMA TO MEET NEXT MONTH PETROGRAD, Jan. 26,-An imperial decree was Issued today for the opening of the council of state on January 30 and the Duma on February 2.



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BENCH AND BAR JOIN IN TRIBUTE TO LATE JUDGE J. L. KINSEY

Memorial Minutes Adopted at Meeting in Common Pleas Court Preceding Funeral of Jurist.

Members of the bench and bar joined today in paying tribute to the memory of the late Judge John L. Kinsey, whose funeral was held at 2 o'clock from his

home, 1622 Spruce street. At a memorial meeting held in Room B of Court of Common Pleas No. 1, before the funeral, Judge Kinsey's long and useful service to the public was praised by Justice John P. Elkin, of the Supreme Court: President Judge Sulzberger, of the Court of Common Pleas No. 2; ex-Attorney General Hampton L. Carson, Judge John M. Patterson, of Court No. 1; Assistant District Attorney Joseph P. Rogers, Congressman-elect John R. K. Scott and Attorney W. C. Wilson,

The meeting was called to order by ex-Judge Beitler and minutes were read expressing the esteem in which Judge Kinsey was held by members of the bar of Philadelphia. His scholary attainments were extolled and attention called to his long service, continuing from 1879, when he was a member of the 13th Sectional School Board, until he was taken criti-cally III.

minutes conclude: "As the real manhood, that lay in the heart and which blossomed in number-less acts of unforgotten beauty for those less acts of unforgotten beauty for those for whom he had affection; love of great things, of high ideals, of those subjects that arouse in our natures the feeling of the sublime. Crowded on his library shelves were works of the great masters of all literature, and he had those social qualities and a strangely delightful individuality that brought all those who knew him into loving fellowship.

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"The death of Judge Kinsey is a deplorable loss, not only to the bench and bar, but to the citizens of Philadelphia, whose faithful official servant he had been for so many years."

The honorary pallbearers at the funeral were Congrossman George S. Graham, John Wanamaker, Thomas E. Murphy, William C. Wilson, Judge F. A. Bregy, Judge John M. Patterson, Cornelius Haggariy, Jr., ex-Governor Edwin S. Stuart, Assistant District Attorney Joseph P. Rogers, George W. Kendrick, Jr., Simon Gratz, Congressman-elect John R. K. eratz, Congressman-elect John R. K. cott. Judge Robert Ralston, Harry E. Hilliar, William Findlay Brown and James Gay Gordon, Jr., Assistant City

U. S. NEUTRALITY STAND FAIR, SAYS LONDON PRESS

German Charges Denied, Papers Declare of Bryan Note.

LONDON, Jan. 26.—The Evening Star's comment on Secretary Bryan's letter to Senator Stone, answering charges that the United States has favored the Allies, is typical of the opinion expressed by London papers today.

London papers today.

"Bryan's answer," says the Star, "has additional force because of the fact that Mr. Bryan has never been either the friend or the enemy of England. He has been so deeply concerned in domestic politics in the United States that he hasn'f had time to acquire a bias.

"The letter is all the more crushing," continues the Star, "because it contains a categorical denial of the charges.

"Mr. Bryan's letter makes it clear that

"Mr. Bryan's letter makes it clear that Germany cannot hide her fleet in the Kiel Canal and then equalize the situation by wire-pulling agitation in the United

FRIDAY, JANUARY 8, 1916.

USE CHAINS.

gine on Wednesday night which re-

sulted in the death of two persons

and the injury of several others.

The department and the officials

must share in the responsibility for

this deplorable accident for failure to equip this automobile with chains

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measure of safety

on all four wheels.

The use of chains might have prevented the skidding of the fire en-

KAISER CHECKS RUSSIAN ADVANCE AGAINST THORN

Berlin Also Reports Halting Foe in South Poland.

BERLIN, Jan. 26 An official report issued here today says Russians have been unable to resume their advance toward the fortress of Thorn, and in Southern Poland the Czar's armies have been halted in their advance

from Kielce.

Elsewhere in Poland, except to the north, where a Russian cavalry attack was repulsed, violent artillery duelling in in progress, adds the statement.

3,360,000 ITALIAN TROOPS MASSED TO STRIKE FOR ALLIES

Navy Also Mobilized and All Munitions Ready for Entry Into War - New Guns Tested.

ROME, Jan. 6 (By mail to New York to escape censorship).—Italy's military and naval preparations for war are complete. They have cost a billion of dollars, enormous difficulties have been overcome, but Italy is at last prepared. This is Italy's ullitary strength:

First and second line troops, 1,260,000; oserves, 2,100,000.

reserves, 2,100,000.

The first and second line troops are men between the ages of 20 and 29; the reserves are men between 20 and 39.

The navy is already mobilized, under command of the Duke of Abruzzi. Two more dreadnoughts will be commissioned in February. They will increase the fight-ing power of the Italian Navy tremen-

Italy has 1,000,000,00 francs in its war chests, 1,000,000 tons of wheat stored away chests, 1,000,000 tons of wheat stored away for future use and its policy of watchful, armed neutrality has now entered its decisive phase. Every Italian in touch with official affairs is confident that if this country enters the war on the side of the Allies it will be able to strike a tremendous blow at Germany and Austria.

SUBURBANITES VIE. WITH CITY FOLK IN LIVELY TRIP CONTEST

Competitors Have Little Trouble in Obtaining Subscriptions in Race for Tour to Coast.

Suburban participants in the subscription contest of the Evening Labour and Puntin Langer, the 50 leaders in which are to be sent, free of cost, to the Pan-ama-Pacific and San Diego expesitions, are hard at work trying to outdistance

ama-Pacific and San Diege expositions, are hard at work trying to outdistance their city competitors.

Although contestants outside the city must get paid-in-advance subscriptions only, this is really no handicap to them, because such subscriptions entitle them to more credits than do those for which payment is not made in advance. Many of the city contestants, realising the necessity of getting every point possible to their credit, are doing all in their power to obtain paid-in-advance subscriptions, even when the term is for less than six months. When the term of the subscription is more than six months it must be paid for in advance.

Contestants in and out of the city are finding the work of getting subscriptions not nearly as difficult as they had anticipated. By this time, most of them have famillarized themselves with the excellent features of both newspapers by which both the Evening Ledder and Public Ledder appeal to every member of the family. It is not hard by pointing out these features to get subscriptions anywhere.

anywhere.

Few of the contestants are depending on their friends to help them set into the lucky 50. Nearly all are now fulfiedged salesmen or saleswomen and have gone outside their circle of friends. Some were diffident at first, but this feeling soon were off and now many report that they are able to get subscriptions easier from stringers than they can from friends. from i

Fintry in the contest may be made by sending in your name to the contest editor on the blank in the advertisement, or by simply writing him that you wish to become a contestant.

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all others should be provided with "the safest appliance known against skidding"- Tire Chains.